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## EDITORIAL

On First, Second & Fifth Pages.

If you miss anything, which we know you will, in the way of our Field Glass, Sunday School, or editorial, just put it down to the credit of the Convention report. We have given that the first of was tried to get all of it possible in this week's issue of the paper.

## CONVENTION NOTES

Our convention trip, in company with Brother Duncan, Irish, and Brother and Sister David, was a phenomenally pleasant one. We missed the beloved roles at Jackson, but learned on our return, that while he had gone off on a vacation for his health to the mountains of North Carolina, he had written back already that he had so far improved that he was able to walk two miles at a stretch, and could eat about all that there was in sight whenever the dining room gong sounded. We said good! and so thanked God and took courage to hope that soon our brother would be himself again. We found our Field Glass man and Orphanage leader in his office, busy with the type of the forthcoming "Orphanage Gem," the excellent little representative organ of the institution he loves so well. Dinner with our brother and his charge was a very pleasant affair, where we learned that all expenses were being paid to date; everything and everybody looked bright and happy, and the outlook was highly hopeful. In due time we were in Grenada, and safely corralled in the home of our friend, J. W. Lee, to whose kind attentions we had been assigned by the committee. We sadly missed the good wife who was off in an effort to restore feeble health. But one would not have known it, however, so far as home administration was concerned, it seemed, for the good woman had so thoroughly trained the excellent husband that not even the most delicate amenities were wanting. We could not too highly praise the efficient servants.

The Historical Society held their usual meeting, and had a fine address by Bro. Z. T. Leavell, a report of which see in these columns.

The convention was a fine meeting. The general work of the denomination along all lines

of Christian activity, such as State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial and General Education, Sunday Schools, Young People's Work, and Sustentation, was as well or better done than last year, or ever before, and satisfactory plans were laid for the future.

True, there was a little shaking up in some school, historical and doctrinal matters, such as "Whitticism" and "Martinism," but after all, there was nothing particularly dangerous, perchance, unless it be as is said of children playing with edged tools to those who "priggle" with them. Baptists have the peculiar quality of being "indolent," partly no doubt, on account of their home life, and partly, and see never only hurt by home life, but improved to make progress.

Amongst them sometimes, and sometimes "run well for a season," but sooner or later they either wade away, or in common parlance, "play out," and, not even less than a greasy spot is left of their once conspicuous comeliness to mark the spot where they once flamed and flourished.

The Baptist Record fared unusually well at the hands of its dear old mother. It was the first time in nine years that it did not receive a painful spanking—the more painful, perhaps, for the thinness of its apparel, and that largely, too, on account of the lack of attention due from that same maternal spanking hand. But that is now in the past, we hope, forgotten, past, and we are in the sweet happiness of having received only caresses and compliments, much of which was in material substance at the rate of "sixteen to one." Our beloved friend, Dr. Johnson, was astonishingly, almost painfully silent, and reticent of sugar plums (if this time). Whether it was because there was a "feller" or two too many in the crowd, or because his heart and lap were too full of a bantling of his own, we know not, but we suppose he could tell.

The hospitality of the Grenada people was brimming and even running over, and Bro. Merrill, the pastor, did the pastor-host with ease and conspicuous grace. We were glad to observe that both the Baptist churches were in an encouraging condition of prosperity.

We were greatly refreshed by an excellent sermon at 11 a. m. on Sunday, by Dr. R. J. Willingham, the secretary of Foreign Missions, on "Religion in the Home." We were too much worn and weary to go out at night, but heard that all the sermons preached on that day in the city and round about, were good. The new First church is a fitting memorial to the good life of the beloved Capt. John Powell, who was dead and yet is alive forevermore.

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## THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

GRENADA, MISS., JULY 8—FIRST DAY.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention met in the First Baptist church in Grenada this day at 10 o'clock a. m., in its fifty ninth annual session. The president of the last Convention, A. A. Lomax, of Batesville, called the body to order, Secretary T. J. Bailey, of Winona, at the desk.

Devotional exercises of thirty minutes were conducted by T. G. Sellers, of Starkville, one of the oldest members of the Convention. He referred to the fact of having attended a similar gathering (his first) forty years ago.

The president appointed a committee on credentials, as follows: J. P. Brown, H. A. Dubois, W. W. Dickens, S. Wilcher, S. L. Hearn. The committee retired for consultation, after which the report was presented and adopted. Following is a list of delegates:

Bookhaven—R. J. Boone.  
Batesville—A. A. Lomax, S. Woodruff, W. W. Dickens, Floyd Perkins, R. J. Shuford, W. R. Fries.  
Blue Mountain—A. H. Ellett.  
B. G. Lowrey, St. C. Lawrence.  
Brynn—C. H. Dobs.  
Brehalla—H. A. DuBoise, J. A. Lee.  
Bellefontaine—C. A. Hicks, J. W. Sisson, T. H. H. Thornton.  
Booneville—E. E. Thornton.  
Biloxi—H. M. Crain.  
Brandon—J. H. Whitfield.  
Burgess—R. G. Hewlett.  
Bibbs—John James.  
Batesville—E. A. Bates.  
Carrollton—V. H. Nelson.  
Columbus—E. P. Jones.  
Caledonia—E. D. Minter.  
Chester—B. C. McGarrity, S. B. Dobbs, M. A. Biggers.  
Clinton—A. L. Aven, J. E. Pettigrew, J. W. Provine, Z. T. Leavell, A. B. H. W. Webb, Geo. Whitfield, H. D. Webb.  
Como—M. J. Derrick.  
Crawford—D. A. Flourney.  
Cub Lake—J. H. Moore, T. P. Jannley, C. E. Emerson.  
Caseilla—J. D. Rice.  
Canton—W. J. Derrick.  
Crystal Springs—Z. J. Scott, W. F. Yarbrough.  
Cynthia—E. Beemar Bell.  
Chapel Hill—M. B. O. Latimer.  
Cadaretta—J. M. Pendergrass.  
Clarksdale—S. M. Ellis.  
Cleveland—R. A. Colron.  
Chipawa—J. S. Henderson.  
Deasonville—B. F. Miller.  
Duck Hill—J. L. Johnson.  
O. H. Taylor.  
Eastfork—J. H. Lane.  
Edland—J. F. McKibben.  
Ebenezer—J. C. Lockewitz.  
Ethel—J. C. Thompson, A. J. Reynolds, A. J. Johnson.  
Eupora—Wm. Stranburg.  
Ecru—V. B. Tucker.  
Fair River—W. W. Kees.  
Frederick—S. R. Lamb.  
French Camp—W. J. Wilson, J. M. Harris.  
Gloster—E. B. McLain, R. S. McLain, H. H. Ratcliff, Z. H. Huff, Jno. P. Culpepper.  
Gillsburg—T. C. Schilling.  
Greenville—W. M. Barr.  
Good Hope—T. E. Norris.  
Greenwood—J. R. Hughes, W. E. Ellis.

Goodman—J. T. Ellis, J. W. Henderson.  
Hernando—N. W. P. Bacon.  
Harrison—H. W. Rockett.  
Houlka—J. W. Hamilton.  
Hebron—R. Drummond, J. R. Carter.  
Hazlehurst—J. K. Pace, S. F. Wiltshire.  
Harly—L. McCracken.  
Hughes—W. J. Hester, M. P. Woods.  
Indianola—J. T. Manion, W. S. Chapman, G. W. Williams, R. M. Richardson.  
Ita Bena—J. F. Parkinson.  
Jefferson—A. C. Mason, J. A. Mohad, Wm. Billups.  
Jackson—L. S. Foster, J. T. Burt, W. D. Nunn.  
Kosciusko—W. W. Whitfield.  
J. A. McCord, J. P. Brown, G. H. Baker.  
Lumb—A. P. Conland.  
Leland—P. A. Hagan.  
Leland—W. T. Stovall.  
Lexington—G. B. Butler.  
Loves—S. P. Dohahite.  
Macamus—D. L. Wilson, A. H. Wilson.  
McComb—J. M. Carr.  
McComb City—S. W. Sibley.  
Magnolia—W. P. Price.  
Maiden—J. B. Cole, S. M. Cole.  
Maiden—J. A. Hackett, W. J. David, L. A. Duncan, J. R. Farish.  
Midway—J. S. Riser.  
Mooretown—J. H. Moore.  
Milton—J. B. Flanagan, Newton Ireland.  
Macon—G. C. Johnson, Z. T. Dorrah, T. W. Brame.  
Mound—L. F. Mitchell.  
Montpelier—R. C. Hagan.  
Martin—S. R. Young.  
New Albany—John Thompson.  
Z. M. Stephens.  
Natchez—Charles L. Anderson.  
Noblet—H. E. Johnson.  
Oxford—A. M. Croxton, W. I. Hargis.  
Poplar Springs—T. A. J. Beasley.  
Pine Valley—A. A. Bruner.  
Pope's—T. M. Tyler.  
Possumneck—Topie Campbell.  
J. E. Fleming.  
Palmetto Bluff—W. R. Thompson.  
Pokal—J. C. Backley.  
Pontotoc—Frank Souter, R. A. Cooper.  
Port Gibson—J. E. Phillips.  
Palestine—A. Puryear.  
Ripley—J. C. Swains, J. M. Spight, A. J. McIntyre.  
Reymont—K. Middleton.  
Raymond—W. T. Ratliff, E. D. Fatch, O. S. Spann.  
Rockport—A. Page.  
Sardis—L. F. Rainwater, A. F. Young.  
Scranton—L. N. Brock.  
Slate Springs—Sydney Allen, M. C. Allen.  
Summit—W. M. Farmer, J. R. Sample, E. N. Hatch.  
Starkville—T. G. Sellers, L. B. Hogan, J. A. Glenn, M. and J. Carpenter, Terrine Gann.  
Senatobia—H. J. Mitchell.  
Sarepta—G. W. Riley.  
Saint's Rest—C. H. Mize.  
Sturgis—N. Q. Adams, A. P. Berry, J. T. Sargent.  
Silver Creek—M. T. Martin.  
Topsaw—S. C. Walker.  
Tapelo—S. G. Cooper.  
Torrance—J. J. Gillon, J. M. Bailey.  
Taylor's—J. W. Higginbotham, J. S. Sisk.  
Tillatoba—G. L. Martin.  
Terry—W. W. Cockerham, J. S. Allen.

Troy—R. R. Hughey, J. F. Tully.  
University—R. M. Leavell.  
Utica—H. Auding, Z. Wardlaw.  
Vaiden—A. A. McPherson.  
Walthall—Sam Cooke.  
French Camp—W. T. McQuary.  
West—A. C. Ball.  
Wamba—W. W. Hollingsworth.  
Wesson—R. H. Purser, E. P. Douglass.  
West Point—H. J. Vanlandingham, M. V. Noffsinger, Oscar Haywood, W. G. White, S. S. Hearn, C. W. Gibson.  
Winona—Arthur Flake, A. V. Rowe, W. A. Hurt, T. J. Bailey, Powell Trotter, T. N. Lusk, W. E. McLellan, H. P. Hart, R. C. Wilson, W. H. Farmer.  
Water Valley—W. C. Hays, W. H. Hudson, E. L. Wesson.  
Weir—W. Z. Swanzier.  
Following the report of the committee on credentials, the convention proceeded to an organization by the election of officers. It was decided to elect by ballot, and the chair appointed as tellers L. F. Rainwater, A. Flake, Z. Wardlaw and J. R. G. Hewlett. While the tellers retired to count the ballots, the convention was led in prayer by several of the brethren, and spirited hymns were sung by the congregation.  
At 12:30 p. m., the tellers not having yet reached a conclusion, the convention took a recess until 2:30 p. m.  
**AFTERNOON SESSION.**  
Brief devotional services.  
The tellers of the election reported the following officers elected for the ensuing term of one year:  
President—A. A. Lomax, Batesville.  
Vice-Presidents—T. G. Sellers, Starkville; L. F. Rainwater, Sardis; J. B. Searcy, Corinth; P. H. Lowrey, Batesville; R. H. Purser, Wesson; Z. T. Leavell, Clinton.  
Recording Secretary—T. J. Bailey, Winona.  
Corresponding Secretary—J. H. Auding, Crystal Springs.  
Statistical Secretary—A. J. Miller, Yazoo City.  
Treasurer—W. T. Ratliff, Raymond.  
The result was received with marked approval by the convention. President Lomax gracefully acknowledged the honor of a reelection, and asked the cooperation of the convention in discharging his duties.  
J. H. Whitfield introduced a resolution, which was adopted, changing the constitution so that after the coming year the number of vice presidents be reduced from six to two.  
The hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed by the convention as follows: Meet at 8:30 a. m., and adjourn at 12 m.; meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at 5 p. m.; meet at 8:45 p. m., adjourn at will.  
George P. Chapline, on behalf of the Baptist church and the citizens of Grenada, extended to the delegates and visitors a hearty welcome, couched in language of sincerity and eloquence. Response was gracefully and appropriately made by P. H. Lowrey of Batesville.  
The following brethren were

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received as corresponding messengers:

From Memphis Association: W. T. Hudson.

From San Antonio Association: R. P. Lucado.

From American Baptist Publication Society: Walker Dunston.

From Baptist Book Concern and Western Recorder: W. P. Harvey.

From Southern Baptist Theological Seminary: W. H. Whitsitt.

N. W. P. Bacon introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, Dr. William H. Whitsitt, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been so unfortunate in the presentation of his views as to alienate a large number of Southern Baptists who were formerly friends and supporters of the seminary; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Baptist State convention of Mississippi do now request the trustees of the seminary representing Mississippi to insist upon and vote for the retirement of Dr. Whitsitt from the seminary.

"Resolved, That we reaffirm our interest in the seminary, and pledge it our full support when the trustees shall have taken such action as shall again gain for it the sympathy of Southern Baptists."

The annual report of the convention board was read by the secretary, A. V. Rowe. It was moved and carried that the report be adopted and printed.

The usual devotional committee was appointed and ordered to arrange the exercises.

On motion of J. L. Johnson the convention paused in its deliberations to offer a prayer for the restoration to health of Mississippi's distinguished patriot and United States senator, Gen. J. Z. George.

George T. G. Sellers made a fervent prayer in accordance with the motion. The fact was telegraphed to Senator George at his home in Carrollton.

W. C. Luther, representing the Bible department of American Baptist Publication Society, was invited to address the convention; and made a fine address in the house of that concern.

Routine business consumed the time of the convention until the evening session.

Just before the afternoon adjournment, President Lomax announced the following standing committees:

Foreign Missions: N. W. P. Bacon, J. S. Hutchinson, R. S. Young, George Whitfield, D. L. Wilson.

Sunday Schools: W. F. Yarbrough, A. Puryear, W. M. Burns, H. M. Whitten, J. R. Hughes.

Colored People's Work: R. A. Cooper, C. L. Anderson, John P. Hemby, John Buckley, W. B. Williams.

Obituaries: J. R. Farish, V. B. Tucker, N. Q. Adams, J. S. Riser, C. W. Gibson.

Sustentation: J. K. Pace, W. P. Price, R. A. Cochran, Jeff Rogers, J. R. Sample.

B. Y. P. U. Work: W. E. Ellis, S. M. Ellis, J. A. Lee, G. C. Johnson, J. E. Barnett.

Prohibition: C. L. Lewis, J. S. Cobb, A. B. Hill, S. B. Dobbs, W. W. Kees.

Nominations: I. H. Anding, Z. T. Leavell, H. J. Vanlandingham, L. S. Foster, W. W. Whitfield.

Publications: L. F. Rainwater, E. L. Wesson, R. Drummond, R. H. Purser, B. G. Lowrey.

State Missions: J. B. Searcy, Oscar Haywood, J. F. McCool, L. N. Brock, Frank Souter.

Home Missions: E. P. Jones, B. R. Hughes, A. M. Croxton, W. J. David, W. L. A. Stranburg.

Convention reassembled at 8:15 p. m., when the Rev. J. K. Pace of Hazlehurst, delivered the convention sermon, full of gospel truth.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

When the convention was opened at 8:30—this morning, many new faces appeared, as be- lieved delegates and visitors had arrived during the previous evening and night.

The half hour's devotional exercises were conducted by J. H. Whitfield, of Brandon, after which the convention was ready for business.

After the minutes of yesterday were read and approved, A. J. Miller, statistical secretary, presented his report, which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The following visitors were introduced and welcomed in the convention:

R. J. Willingham, corresponding secretary foreign mission board, Richmond, Va.

George H. Simmons, representing the theological department of the Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson, Tenn.

J. M. Frost, corresponding secretary Sunday School board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn. Bro. Frost was gladly welcomed, on account of the weather.

Edgar E. Folk, editor of the Baptist Reflector, Nashville, Tenn. The report of the committee on nominations was presented by the chairman, L. H. Anding. After discussion and amendment, the report was adopted, as follows:

"Convention Board: H. F. Sproules, Jackson; T. J. Bailey, Winona; J. T. Back, Jackson; Thos. McClelland, Jackson; Z. T. Leavell, Clinton; H. J. Vanlandingham, West Point; E. L. Wesson, Batesville; W. W. Dickens, Batesville; I. H. Anding, Utica; J. K. Pace, Hazlehurst; S. W. Sibley, McComb; S. R. Young, Martin; R. A. Cochran, Cleveland; R. A. Venable, Meridian; T. C. Schilling, Gillsburg.

Trustees of Mississippi College, Terms Expire in 1900—H. E. Sproules, Jackson; Thos. McClelland, Jackson; J. L. Pettigrew, Meridian; W. T. Ratliff, Raymond; E. H. Green, Green's Crossing; H. C. Conn, Hazlehurst; C. L. Thomas, Clinton; G. W. Mims, Sr., Utica; A. A. Lomax, Batesville.

"Board of Ministerial Education, Terms Expire in 1900—W. S. Webb, Clinton; J. L. Pettigrew, Clinton; E. P. Poole, Clinton.

"Time and Place of Next Meeting—Brookhaven, at 10 a. m., Thursday before, third Sunday in July, 1898. Preacher, Oscar Haywood, West Point; alternate, R. W. Merrill, Grenada."

J. H. Whitfield, of Brandon, introduced the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas, Bro. L. S. Foster, by perseverance and energy, has succeeded in organizing a Baptist Orphanage, and locating the same at Jackson, Miss.; therefore

"Resolved, That we heartily approve said Orphanage, and hereby pledge it our sympathy and support."

The hour for the special order of yesterday having arrived, J. L. Pettigrew, of Clinton, read the annual report of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College, of which he is secretary. The report was ordered printed, and the college question discussed by J. L. Johnson, A. V. Rowe, C. L. Lewis, W. T. Ratliff, and J. W. Province.

W. M. Burr presented the following preamble and resolutions:

"Whereas, The crime of mob violence prevails to an alarming extent throughout the country, and is manifestly growing bolder every year; therefore,

"Resolved, That we do, by a rising vote, express our unqualified condemnation of this great and growing evil, and call upon all our people to aid, by positive Christian effort and sentiment, in stamping out this great crime against God and man, and earnestly urge the Baptist ministry of the State to preach a sermon on the subject on some suitable occasion during the year."

J. W. Province, president of Mississippi College, announced that the college was in immediate and pressing need of some improvements, and requested R. W. Merrill to call for subscriptions. Bro. Merrill accordingly announced the object, and in a few minutes about \$700 was subscribed.

The convention adjourned at 12:30 until 3:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention reassembled at 2:30 p. m. Prayer by L. J. Johnson.

On motion of J. S. Hutchinson, a committee was appointed on Woman's Work. The president appointed the following: H. W. Rockett, T. C. Schilling, V. H. Nelson, T. A. J. Beasley, J. L. Johnson.

W. L. A. Stranburg introduced a strong resolution expressing unqualified disapproval of the doctrine generally known as "Mormonism." The resolution, after a spirited talk and motion by P. H. Lowrey, was adopted by a decisive majority.

Committee on home missions, submitted an encouraging report of the committee, which was unanimously adopted and ordered printed.

Walker Dunston, of Atlanta, Ga., treasurer of the home board, addressed the convention interestingly on the subject, his remarks meeting with marked attention and approval.

E. P. Jones made an eloquent address on the same subject, as did A. P. Copeland.

The report of the committee on ministerial education made a splendid report through its chairman, George Whitfield, of Clinton. The convention heard the report with interest, and after discussing it, on motion it was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

At 5 o'clock the convention adjourned until 8:15 p. m., when the special order for that hour, State missions, was discussed at length.

NIGHT SESSION, 8:15.

Prayer by E. E. Folk. J. B. Searcy read the report on State missions. State missions is basal work. It proposes to strengthen weak churches, as well as to cultivate destitute fields, and forms a basis for missions world-wide. Our missions are on the Gulf Coast, in the Delta, and with all weak churches. Our women are most efficient helpers, and the secretary was heartily commended, and a vacation of a month for the secretary recommended. Bro. Searcy supported the report with a good speech.

J. M. Frost was gratified with the report because it showed so much good work and spoke so well of the secretary.

J. R. Farish said all of our interests—missions, education, publications—are one. We claim to be Missionary Baptists, and must do that sort of business or take down our sign.

R. A. Cochran spoke of the Delta missions as a most promising one. To accomplish anything, we must know, and then do. In twelve years fifteen church houses have been built, worth \$35,000, and we have thirty-eight churches.

A. V. Rowe gave an extended account of work done in the interest of all our denominational enterprises. We have moved steadily along from the first, but a debt of \$1,500 remains. A collection resulted in \$626. Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Minter.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The convention was opened by the president, at 8:30. Devotional exercises of thirty minutes were conducted by M. V. Noffsinger, of West Point.

Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The president announced the following committee on church building fund: M. V. Noffsinger, Z. Wardlaw, Oscar Haywood, E. D. Fitch, B. F. Miller.

The special hour for the consideration of foreign missions having arrived, a motion prevailed that the special order be postponed and the convention take up the matter of a resolution introduced last night just before adjournment, viz. By P. H. Lowrey—"Whereas, The action of this convention to day in laying on the table the resolutions offered by Bro. Stranburg, has been misconstrued by some; therefore,

"Resolved, That that action was not, and this resolution is not, in any way a deliverance on the subject of the doctrine referred to, it being the purpose of the convention to leave all questions of doctrine with the churches where they belong."

After a spirited debate, participated in by J. K. Pace, P. H. Lowrey, J. L. Johnson and others, an amendment to the resolution was adopted, that a committee of five be appointed, to whom should be referred the resolution, and that said committee be directed to prepare a deliverance on Martinism as soon as possible.

While the president retired to make up the committee, on motion, the report of the committee on foreign missions was taken up. The chairman, N. W. P. Bacon, read the report, after which he proceeded to address the convention on the subject. J. K. Pace also urged, in a forceful manner, the importance of foreign missions.

R. J. Willingham, of Richmond, Va., corresponding secretary of the foreign mission board, was invited to the rostrum, and further presented the claims and needs of foreign missions, after which the report and recommendations were adopted.

The president then announced the following committee to prepare a deliverance on Martinism, as above called for: J. K. Pace, J. L. Johnson, N. W. P. Bacon, C. L. Lewis, J. P. Culpepper.

After some announcements the convention adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session was opened with usual devotional exercises.

The report of the committee

on orphanage was read, and is as follows:

"We, your committee on the Baptist Orphanage, beg leave to report that we have investigated the matter and find its finances in good condition and wisely managed, and that the trustees express a willingness and desire to transfer it to this convention as its property and enterprise whenever the convention is ready to receive it; and to secure at any time the change in its charter necessary to accomplish this end. We merely report this fact, without making any recommendation.—N. W. P. Bacon, I. H. Anding, J. H. Whitfield, committee."

The report was adopted without discussion.

A special committee reported as follows:

"Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the report of the board of ministerial education touching the 'loan system,' after diligent inquiry and impartial investigation, would respectfully recommend, while the weight of evidence seems to be favorable to the present plan, the final and satisfactory adjustment of the matter is to leave it under the jurisdiction of the board of ministerial education. This we do recommend.—M. V. Noffsinger, Oscar Haywood, B. F. Miller."

The report was adopted without discussion.

R. A. Cooper, chairman, read the report of the committee on work among our colored population. The report showed that out of some 700,000 colored people in the State, about 125,000 were Baptists; that the convention, in conjunction with the home board, had instituted a plan of holding Bible institutes for colored preachers and deacons. Twelve such institutes had been held in different parts of the State two years consecutively by pastors in proximity to the places of such institutes. It was believed that the institutes had accomplished great good, and their continuance was recommended. It was also urged that pastors, regardless of appointment, by the convention, hold such institutes for one or more weeks at least once a year, when the negroes can have time to attend. The report was ably presented by Bro. Cooper and was adopted without discussion.

Along the line of colored people's work, Perry Martin of Hernando, a well-known colored preacher, was invited to address the convention, which he did briefly, asking sympathy and aid for a colored school.

Regular order was suspended to hear the report of the special committee to which the resolutions regarding Martinism were referred. The report of the committee was as follows:

"Whereas, This committee has been authorized by this convention to make a deliverance on Martinism; therefore,

"Resolved, That this convention does not indorse, but condemns, the doctrinal views of Prof. M. T. Martin, as these views are set forth by himself and published over his own name in his pamphlet entitled 'The Doctrinal Views of M. T. Martin.' J. K. Pace, John L. Johnson, Charles L. Lewis, N. W. P. Bacon, John P. Culpepper, committee."

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The reorganization of the Society was effected by the election of the following officers, to wit: I. H. Anding, president; J. L. Johnson, secretary; L. S. Foster, corresponding secretary, and J. T. Back, treasurer and librarian. The roll of membership was opened and a large number of new names were enrolled and a fine impetus given to the work of the Society. Bro. N. W. P. Bacon was appointed to deliver the annual address at the next session, and the Society adjourned to meet on the evening

before the meeting of the next session of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention. Prayer by Bro. W. P. Harvey.

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S. M. ELLIS.

The fifth annual catalogue of the Poplarville High School, now at hand, besides being a beautiful and valuable literary production, makes a splendid showing for that excellent institution. The school is under the efficient management of our friend and brother, Prof. W. J. Thames, who ranks among the best educators in the State. He has a thoroughly competent faculty and fine patronage.

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The new catalogue of Blue Mountain Female College is one of the fullest, most complete and beautiful we have seen for the season. It sets that splendid school in the best light, and shows it to rank among the best in all the land. Send to Lowrey & Berry, proprietors, for a copy, and we feel assured you will find it to be the school you want for your daughters.

A CALL at THE RECORD office by our genial friend and brother, Col. J. J. Crain, of Forest, was one of the pleasant events of the last few days. He is the popular and successful representative of the noted Hickman-Wagon Company, and is placing those excellent Southern-made vehicles in a very large scope of our Southern country.

Bro. H. EASTLAND, of Forest, made us glad with his presence the other day. He spent a day or two in the city with Bro. Sebe Eastland, his son, and took in the meeting at the First Baptist church. His presence always brings sunshine, even on a cloudy day.

BRETHREN! You see what Bro. S. M. Ellis says in this RECORD about our policy of "fairness." We most heartily thank him for it. We do not understand that he means in this to endorse any more than our policy of THE RECORD. Many of our best brethren have done this privately. Now we would be glad if all who can do so consistently would do as he has done. Write to us to that effect, and we will print or withhold your letters exactly as you wish. Brethren let us hear from you.

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